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IN RESPONSE REFTEL, BUREAU OF MINES PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. THE PRINCIPAL CONSUMERS OF ANTIMONY ORE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE SEVERAL CHEMICAL COMPANIES WHICH CONVERT THE ORE TO ANTIMONY TRIOXIDE. THIS IS USED CHIEFLY AS A FLAME RETARDANT IN PLASTICS, TEXTILES, AND OTHER SUBSTRATES WHERE FLAME SUPPRESSION IS A FACTOR. PRODUCTION OF PRIMARY METAL FROM IMPORTED ORE IS NO LONGER A FACTOR IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE PRESENCE OF LEAD IN ANTIMONY ORE IS CONSIDERED DELETERIOUS. SEVERAL POTENTIAL ANTIMONY CUSTOMERS AND THEIR LEAD LIMITATIONS, WHERE AVAILABLE, ARE GIVEN BELOW:

1. M & T CHEMICAL INC.

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RAHWAY, NEU JERSEY 07065

TYPICAL ASSAY:
ANTIMONY - MINIMUM 50
SULFUR - MINIMUM 39
IRON - MAXIMUM 2.7
ARSENIC AND LEAD COMBINED MAX

ARSENIC AND LEAD COMBINED - MAXIMUM 0.7

LUMPY MATERIAL ONLY - NO FINES

2. HARSHAW CHEMICAL CO. 1945 E. 97TH STREET CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

ARSENIC AND LEAD COMBINED - MAXIMUM 0.5

3. MCGEAN CHEMICAL CO. INC. TERMINAL TOWER CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113

EACH PARCEL IS ASSESSED IN ITS OWN RIGHT.

TECHNOLOGY FOR HANDLING COMPLEX ORES IS AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH THERE IS LIMITED PHYSICAL CAPACITY. IN THE MATTER OF BOLIVIAN ORES, SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES HAVE BEEN IMPORTED IN THE PAST AND COULD STILL BE UTILIZED HERE WHEN A DEMAND FOR RAW MATERIAL DEVELOPS. CHRISTOPHER

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